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Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: March 3, 2010/6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Chair: Sean Cryan
Recorder: Max Hepp-Buchanan
Location: Seattle City Hall, L204

March Meeting Minutes Distribution List:

Michael McGinn, Mayor, City of Seattle
 Rebecca Deehr, Strategic Advisor for Policy and Outreach, Office of the Mayor
 City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen, Transportation Committee Chair
 Peter Hahn, Director, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)
 Sam Woods, Manager, Bicycle, Pedestrian & Neighborhood Program & Project Development, SDOT
 Diane Sugimura, Director, Department of Planning and Development (DPD)
 Stella Chao, Director, Department of Neighborhoods (DoN)
 Doug Cox, Assistant Transportation Planner, SDOT Liaison
 Eric Widstrand, Traffic Operations Manager, SDOT
 Meeting Presenters: Kerry Ruth and Jeffrey Kingrey, WSDOT; Stephanie Brown, SDOT; Tony Russo, Capitol Hill Community Council
 Howard Wu, Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board (SPAB) Liaison
 City of Seattle Council Transportation Committee members
 Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB) Board Members

Members Present:

Ann Boyd; Craig Benjamin; Evan Brown; Allegra Calder; Matthew Crane; Sean Cryan (Chair); Gabe Grijalva; Max Hepp-Buchanan (Secretary); Kelsey Jones-Casey; Blake Trask (Vice Chair); Jean White

Members Absent:

Neal Komedal

Guests:

Peter Hahn, SDOT; Sam Woods, SDOT; Doug Cox, SDOT; Howard Wu, SPAB; Rebecca Sadinski, WSDOT; Kerry Ruth, WSDOT; Jeffrey Kingrey, WSDOT; Stephanie Brown, SDOT; Tony Russo, Capitol Hill Community Council; Michael Snyder, Seattle Likes Bikes; Merlin Rainwater, Citizen of Seattle; Charles Redell, Citizen of Seattle; Aili LePard, Citizen of Seattle

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Sean Cryan

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

-City Council
 Resolution 25534

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Members of the public:
 - Advised SDOT and SBAB that the 1st Avenue onramp to the West Seattle Bridge is closing this month and that the bike path crossings will cross the reroute area. Bike route markings have been repainted along Marginal Way but the markings along Spokane Street are no longer visible
 - Recommended that the planned projects of the Westlake Transit Hub and Jackson Plaza need adequate bicycle parking from the beginning and that bicycle facilities should not be set aside for lack of funding
 - Expressed safety concerns over the remaining train tracks under the Ballard Bridge and suggested that something needs to be done about them. Also, citizen voiced Cascade Bicycle Club's concern with the Puget Sound Regional Council's Transportation 2040 plan and its blatant favoring of cars over non-motorized modes
 - Stated that Cascade Bicycle Club's Chilly Hilly ride drew 6,000 riders this year, up from 3,700 last year. Also, citizen reminded the Board and SDOT that the "missing link" of the Burke-Gilman Trail in Ballard is going to trial on Friday, March 7th, 2010
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PRESENTATIONS

Time: 6:10 p.m.

Topic: **Bicycling in Seattle**

Presenter: Peter Hahn, Acting SDOT Director

Purpose: Introduction to SBAB and opportunity to share priorities with SBAB, and gather information about SBAB's priorities and concerns

Findings / Critical Points:

- Would like to take the opportunity to check-in with the Board and discuss some bicycle-related issues
- Decision on the Burke-Gilman Trail is coming soon
- The Downtown Seattle Association has asked for a presentation on the feasibility of cycle tracks down 3rd Avenue in downtown Seattle
- The Mayor's Walk/Bike/Ride Initiative is generating a fair amount of common interests
- The City of Seattle and SDOT are on board with the agenda of Mayor McGinn
- The aim of this administration is to generate a larger mode-split for walking, cycling, and transit but the biggest challenge is the budget
- A bridge (Thomas Street Bridge) is being designed across Elliot Avenue and the railroad tracks that will connect existing bicycle infrastructure (Potlatch Trail/Lake to Bay Trail)
 - At 99 percent design completion
 - Funding for construction is in place
 - Big issue is the conflict between freight and cars and cyclists
- Any ideas on coordination and cooperation between the cycling community and the freight community would be very helpful
- Ideas on the completion of the Burke-Gilman Trail though Ballard would also be helpful

SBAB comments:

- The Board thanks Peter Hahn for coming to speak at the meeting

- SBAB serves the role of another set of eyes for the City on projects that might have an impact on cycling in Seattle – the Board urges SDOT to take advantage of the Board’s role in vetting plans
 - Regarding the Burke-Gilman Trail through Ballard, there is no easy solution to this challenge but the Board recommends new members of SDOT receive a briefing on the amount of work and compromise that has already taken place in this 10-year project
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Time: 6:30 p.m.

Topic: SR-520, I-5 to Medina Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Presenter: Kerry Ruth and Jeffrey Kingrey, WSDOT; Stephanie Brown, SDOT

Purpose: Discuss different options for SR-520 bridge replacement and potential impact on bicycle access and mobility in project area

Findings / Critical Points:

- SR-520 Program Overview – 4 big separate projects
 - I-5 to Medina
 - Medina to SR-202
 - Lake Washington Congestion Management Project
 - Floating bridge pontoon construction
- Currently in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) stage of the project – has been released to the public
 - Public comment period extends through April 15, 2010
- There is \$2.11 billion committed to SR-520 floating bridge replacement
- I-5 to Medina portion
 - Add HOV and transit lanes across I-5 to SR-520 corridor
 - The recreation and transportation sections of the EIS focus on cycling
- Floating bridge portion
 - Two lanes and HOV lane in each direction
 - Bicycle/pedestrian path across bridge on north side
- 6-Lane Alternative – Option A
 - New interchange at Montlake that is very similar to existing interchange
 - Connection of the regional path (floating bridge path) into Montlake area – regional path would terminate in Montlake and integrate with existing bicycle infrastructure in the area
 - Sidewalk installed on new Montlake Bridge, but no bicycle lanes
 - Locations of freeway lids have been identified but no bicycle infrastructure design exists at this point
 - Connection with Bill Dawson Trail
- 6-Lane Alternative – Option K
 - Common lids near I-5 have been identified
 - Involves a new roadway via tunnel under the Montlake cut
 - Bike trail would connect to the Montlake lid and terminate there
- Option L is a no tunnel option – bridge over SR-520 instead
- SDOT is working through graphics with WSDOT to zoom in on interchanges and identify connections with the bicycle and pedestrian network
- The preferred alternatives will be selected by the end of April
- The goal of the Supplemental EIS is to find better alternatives to those in the Draft EIS
- Maintaining the existing footprint and increased access and mobility are driving the new options

- View the Supplemental EIS at: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/SDEIS.htm>
- Email comments regarding the Supplemental EIS to: SR520Bridge_SDEIS@wsdot.wa.gov

Recommendations:

- The Board thanks the members of WSDOT and SDOT for presenting at the meeting and are welcome to present developments at future meetings
- The Board recommends that the new Montlake bridge option include bicycle facilities other than a sidewalk
- The Board recommends an additional focus group exercise with SBAB to go over the SR-520 plans in a finer level of detail

Action Item or Follow Up:

- SBAB will coordinate with WSDOT to schedule an additional work session regarding the project's impact on bicycle access and mobility

Time: 7:00 p.m.

***Topic:* Capitol Hill Community Council (CHCC) Proposal for the Broadway Segment of the First Hill Streetcar**

Presenter: Tony Russo, Capitol Hill Community Council

Purpose: Discuss alternative alignment for proposed First Hill Streetcar and potential impact on bicycle access and mobility on Broadway and adjoining streets

Findings / Critical Points:

- The First Hill Streetcar is planned to stop at Denny and Broadway, but the CHCC wants to extend the tracks down the length of Broadway, in both directions, to Aloha Street
- CHCC recognizes that there are bicycle conflicts with proposed two-way tracks on Broadway and therefore proposes a “road diet” on Broadway to include a cycle track on the west side of Broadway
- Broadway stakeholders are on board with the plan, including the business community, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Broadway Improvement Association
 - There are some concerns by local business owners, but not many
- The proposed cycle track would also minimize the potential conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians at the Link light rail station
- Comments on the proposal can be emailed to: chcc.streetcar@gmail.com

Recommendations:

- The Board thanks CHCC for taking the time to present their proposal
- The Board recommends that the following design issues are taken into consideration:
 - Widening the width of the cycle track for two way cycle operations
 - Understanding the possibility of having a cycle track (one way) on both sides of roadway.
 - Facilitating connection with bike lanes at each end of the proposed cycle track and understanding the operations at each cross street intersection
 - Understanding types of “cycle calming” measures on the cycle track to slow cyclists and reduce their conflicts with pedestrians
- The Board recommends an additional focus group exercise with CHCC to go over cycle track design along Broadway in a finer level of detail

Time: 7:35 p.m.

Topic: SDOT's 2010 Work Plan for Bicycle Master Plan Implementation

Presenter: Sam Woods, SDOT

Purpose: Update SBAB on SDOT's progress on Bicycle Master Plan implementation in 2009 and work plan for 2010

Findings / Critical Points:

- SDOT has over-delivered on installation of sharrows in the past 3 years
- Current plan is to install 2 miles of bike lanes for every 1 mile of sharrows
- 33.66 miles of bicycle facilities were planned in 2009
 - Some projects need further study for 2011 implementation
 - Lost 3.7 miles to further study in 2010
 - Lost 2.66 miles to pavement conditions
 - 5.9 miles were not installed due to requirement of further consensus
- Approximately 20 miles of additional projects are planned for 2010
- Potential upcoming projects include:
 - 2010 recreational trail projects
 - Green bike lanes
 - Look at locations for "bike box" pilot
 - Proposed "bicycle boulevard" in 2011
 - Progressive facilities on Dexter Avenue in conjunction with repaving in 2011

Action Item or Follow Up:

- SDOT will verify with SBAB whether the buffered bike lane on 7th Avenue in downtown Seattle is a phased project or if it is to be installed all at once

Time: 7:55 p.m.

Topic: Committee and/or Board Member Updates

Presenters: SBAB Members

Purpose: Provide an updates on Committee meetings attended by SBAB members

Findings / Critical Points:

- Sound Transit Committee: The University of Washington plans for reconstruction of Rainier Vista to replace the bicycle/pedestrian bridge proposed by Sound Transit
- Freight Mobility Committee: The Airport Way bridge across the railroad tracks is scheduled to be replaced in the near future, but will maintain bicycle integrity
 - During construction, cyclists will be rerouted through a heavily-used industrial area, which may be of some concern
- WSDOT Committee: WSDOT wants to discuss design of the south end of the Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement project, which will likely lead to another focus group discussion
- Kelsey Jones-Casey has been identified as an alternate for the PSRC Committee

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Sean Cryan adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.